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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 755-322/DPC	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
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- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

There is provided a process for joining a gas diffusion layer (15) to a separator plate (5) of an electrochemical cell. The gas diffusion layer comprises a porous body that allows a reactant gas to diffuse through the gas diffusion layer. The separator plate comprises at least one landing surface formed on a surface of the separator plate, and the separator plate and landing surface comprising a polymer and conductive filler. The process includes the step of welding the landing surface to the gas diffusion layer by impregnating some of the polymer on the landing surface within a portion of the porous body.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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